City of Washington

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June 30, 2008

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City of Washington

Officials

Name	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Richard J. Cicalo	Mayor	January 2010
Sandra Johnson	Mayor Pro-tem	January 2012
Bob Shepard	Council Member 1st Ward	January 2012
Russ Zieglowsky	Council Member 2nd Ward	January 2010
Mike Roth	Council Member 3rd Ward	January 2012
Fred Stark	Council Member 4th Ward	January 2010
Merle Hagie	Council Member at Large	January 2010
Sandra Johnson	Council Member at Large	January 2012
David Plyman	City Administrator	Indefinite
Illa Earnest	Deputy City Clerk	Indefinite
Craig Arbuckle	City Attorney	Indefinite



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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Washington, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Washington, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Washington's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards and provisions require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of the City of Washington, Iowa, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that comprise the City's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the City's legally separate component unit, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the City's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the cash basis financial position of the reporting entity of the City of Washington, Iowa, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In our opinion, except for the effects of omitting the component unit as discussed above, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Washington as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated January 6, 2009 on our consideration of the City of Washington's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. Those reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

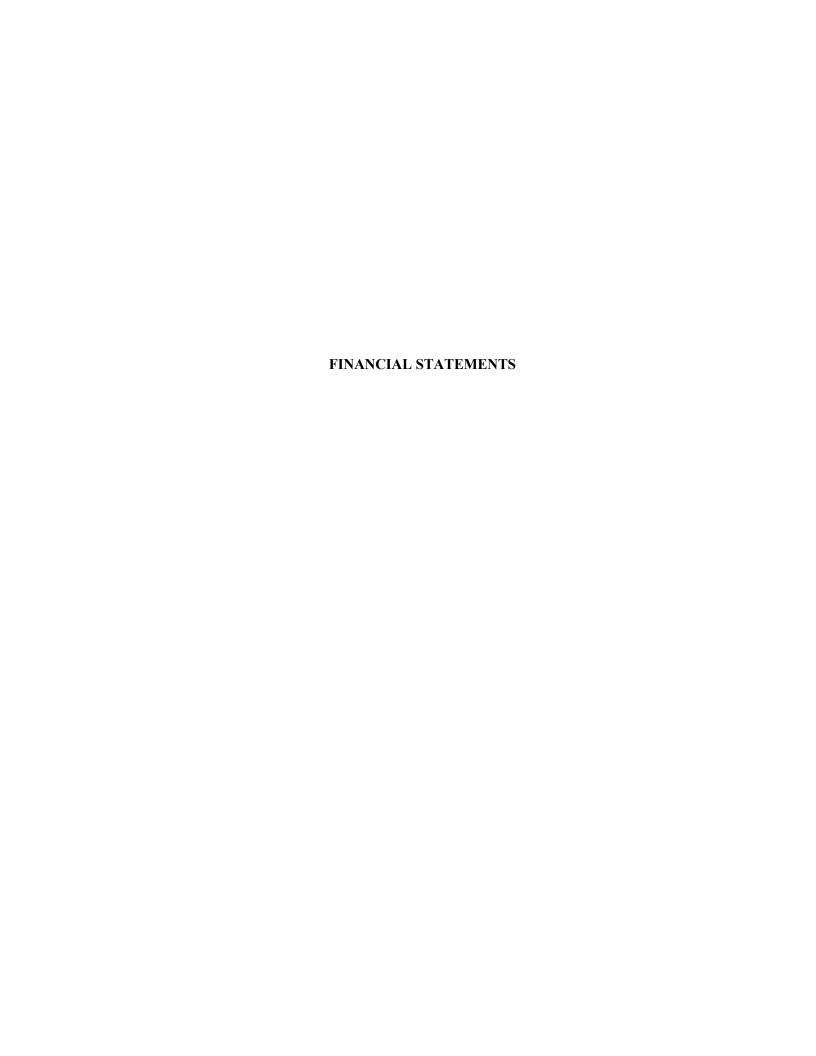
Budgetary comparison information on pages 18 and 19 is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We applied limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The City of Washington, Iowa, has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Washington's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2007 (which are not presented herein) and expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. The financial statements for the four years ended June 30, 2007 (none of which is presented herein) were audited by another auditor who expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. Other supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

CPA Associates PC

January 6, 2009



City of Washington Statement of Activities and Net Assets - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

			Program Rece	eipts	Net (Disk and Changes i	oursements) R in Cash Basis	
Functions / Programs:	Disbursements	_		Capital Grants Contributions and Restricted <u>Interest</u>	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities: Public safety	\$ 1,503,628	\$ 7,179	\$ 49,659	\$ -	\$ (1,446,790)	s -	\$ (1,446,790)
Public works	1,544,143	331,346	617,209	475,823	(119,765)	-	(119,765)
Culture and recreation	913,776	212,290	180,367	-	(521,119)	-	(521,119)
Community and economic	00.060	45.024		21.746	(21 100)		(21.100)
development General government	98,868 940,660	45,924 112,746	42,567	31,746	(21,198) (785,347)	-	(21,198) (785,347)
Debt service	909,786	112,740	42,307	-	(909,786)	-	(909,786)
Capital projects	644,339		10,211		(634,128)		(634,128)
Total governmental activities		709,485	900,013	507,569	(4,438,133)		(4,438,133)
Business type activities:							
Water	1,069,595	987,799	-	-	_	(81,796)	(81,796)
Sewer	717,811	1,031,614	-	-	-	313,803	313,803
Sanitation	267,002	251,718				(15,284)	
Total business type activities	2,054,408	2,271,131				216,723	216,723
Total	\$ <u>8,609,608</u>	\$ <u>2,980,616</u>	\$ 900,013	\$ 507,569	(4,438,133)	216,723	(4,221,410)
General Receipts: Property tax levied for:							
General purposes					1,490,898	-	1,490,898
Tax increment financing Debt service					104,729 860,101	-	104,729 860,101
Local option sales tax					709,116	-	709,116
Unrestricted investment earnings					74,577	-	74,577
Bond proceeds					4,285,820	-	4,285,820
Transfers					455,963	(455,963)	
Miscellaneous	C				540,312	27,587	567,899
Total general receipts and tran	isiers				8,521,516	(428,376)	8,093,140
Change in cash basis net assets					4,083,383	(211,653)	3,871,730
Cash basis net assets beginning of ye	ear				2,111,589	1,082,117	3,193,706
Cash basis net assets end of year					\$ 6,194,972	\$ 870,464	\$ 7,065,436
Cash Basis Net Assets Restricted:							
Streets					\$ 732,802	\$ -	\$ 732,802
Sales Tax					128,303	-	128,303
Other purposes Unrestricted					5,244,879 88,988	870,464	5,244,879 959,452
Total cash basis net assets					\$ <u>6,194,972</u>	\$ <u>870,464</u>	\$ <u>7,065,436</u>

City of Washington Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances Governmental Funds

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Special	Revenue				
	General	Road Use	Urban Renewal	Del Servi	1	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
Receipts:		· <u> </u>					
Property tax	\$ 1,346,839	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 860	,101 \$ -	\$ 144,059	\$ 2,350,999
Tax increment financing	-	-	104,729	-	-	-	104,729
Other taxes	709,116	-	-	-	-	-	709,116
Use of money and property	117,025	-	658	-	10,21	6,386	134,280
License and permits	109,264	-	-	-	-	-	109,264
Intergovernmental	571,836	603,735	-	-	13,47	31,746	1,220,791
Charges for services	518,045	125	-	-	-	- 12.550	518,170
Special assessments	- 04 420	- 460	-	-	124.60	12,559	12,559
Miscellaneous	84,438	460	105 207	960	434,699 0.101 458.38		704,243
Total receipts	3,456,563	604,320	105,387	860	101 458,384	379,396	5,864,151
Disbursements:							
Operating:							
Public safety	1,503,628	-	-	-	-	-	1,503,628
Public works	962,583	581,560	-	-	-	-	1,544,143
Culture and recreation	781,802	-	-	-	-	131,974	913,776
Community and economic development	98,868	-	-	-	-	-	98,868
General government	878,786	-	-	-	-	-	878,786
Debt service	-	-	21,453	888		-	909,786
Capital projects					644,33		644,339
Total disbursements	4,225,667	581,560	21,453	888	644,33	131,974	6,493,326
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over							
disbursements	(769,104)	22,760	83,934	(28	(185,95)	5) 247,422	(629,175)
disoursements	(707,104)	22,700			(105,75.	247,422	(027,173)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-	4,285,820) -	4,285,820
Operating transfers in (out)	665,688		(90,577)			(119,148)	455,963
Total other financing sources (uses)	665,688		(90,577)		4,285,820	(119,148)	4,741,783
Net change in cash balances	(103,416)	22,760	(6,643)	(28	4,099,86	5 128,274	4,112,608
Cash balances beginning of year	192,404	710,042	134,946	65	7,718114,22:	945,188	2,162,523
Cash balances end of year	\$ 88,988	\$ 732,802	\$128,303	\$ 37	4,486 \$ 4,214,090	1,073,462	\$ <u>6,275,131</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances							
Reserved:							
Debt service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	-,486 \$	\$ -	\$ 37,486
Unreserved:							
General fund	88,988	-	-	-	-	=	88,988
Special revenue fund	-	732,802	128,303	-	-	699,105	1,560,210
Capital projects fund					4,214,09	374,357	4,588,447
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 88,988	\$ 732,802	\$ 128,303	\$ 37	,486 \$ 4,214,09	1,073,462	\$ 6,275,131

City of Washington Reconciliation of the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances

to the Statement of Activities and Net Assets -**Governmental Funds**

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Total governmental funds cash balances (page 5)	\$ 6,275,131
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets are different because:	
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.	283
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of gas to the City's various departments to individual funds. The assets of the Internal Service Fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets.	(80,442)
Cash basis net assets of governmental activities (page 4)	\$ <u>6,194,972</u>
Net change in cash balances (page 5)	\$ 4,112,608
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets are different because:	
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.	606
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of gas to the City's various departments to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.	(29,831)
Change in cash balances of governmental activities (page 4)	\$ <u>4,083,383</u>

City of Washington Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances Proprietary Funds As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Enterpris	Internal Service			
	Water Revolving	Sewer Revolving	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>	Health Insurance	Gas <u>Revolving</u>
Operating receipts: Charges for services Total operating receipts	\$ <u>987,799</u> <u>987,799</u>	\$\frac{1,027,329}{1,027,329}	\$\frac{251,718}{251,718}	\$ <u>2,266,846</u> <u>2,266,846</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>12,984</u> <u>12,984</u>
Operating disbursements: Business type activities Total operating disbursements	1,058,097 1,058,097	698,834 698,834	267,002 267,002	2,023,933 2,023,933	34,842 34,842	57,507 57,507
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(70,298)	328,495	(15,284)	242,913	(34,842)	(44,523)
Non-operating receipts (disbursements): Miscellaneous Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	<u>5,386</u> 5,386	10,405 10,405		15,791 15,791	<u>35,746</u> <u>35,746</u>	
Operating transfers in (out)	(190,000)	(265,963)		(455,963)		
Net change in cash balances	(254,912)	72,937	(15,284)	(197,259)	904	(44,523)
Cash balances (deficit) beginning of year	446,219	599,989	60,837	1,107,045	(323)	(75,539)
Cash balances (deficit) end of year	\$ <u>191,307</u>	\$ <u>672,926</u>	\$ <u>45,553</u>	\$ 909,786	\$581	\$ <u>(120,062)</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances Unreserved	\$ <u>191,307</u>	\$ <u>672,926</u>	\$ <u>45,553</u>	\$ <u>909,786</u>	\$ <u>581</u>	\$ <u>(120,062</u>)
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ <u>191,307</u>	\$ 672,926	\$ <u>45,553</u>	\$ 909,786	\$ 581	\$ <u>(120,062</u>)

City of Washington

Reconciliation of the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances

to the Statement of Activities and Net Assets Proprietary Funds

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Total enterprise funds cash balances (page 7)	\$	909,786
Amounts reported for business type activities in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets are different because:		
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.		298
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of gas to the City's various departments to individual funds. The assets of the Internal Service Fund are included in business type activities in the Statement of Net Assets.	_	(39,620)
Cash basis net assets of business type activities (page 4)	\$_	870,464
Net change in cash balances (page 7)	\$	(197,259)
Amounts reported for business type activities in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets are different because:		
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.		298
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of gas to various departments to individual funds. The change on net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with business type activities.	_	(14,692)
Change in cash balances of business type activities (page 4)	\$_	(211,653)

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Washington is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Washington County. It was first incorporated in 1864 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens, including public safety, public works, culture, recreation, community and economic development, and general government services. The City also provides water and sewer utilities and sanitation services for its citizens.

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City of Washington (City) has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the City.

These financial statements present the City of Washington (the primary government) and exclude all component units. The component unit discussed below is not included in the City's reporting entity although its operational or financial relationship with the City is significant.

Excluded Component Unit

The Washington Free Public Library Foundation (Foundation) is a component unit of the City of Washington. The Foundation is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of solicitation and collection of funds for the enhancement and financial support of the Washington Free Public Library of Washington, Iowa. The Foundation is governed by a twelve member board. The Foundation meets the definition of a component unit since it raises funds on behalf of the Library. The financial statements of the Foundation have not been audited, and we were not engaged to audit the Foundation as part of our audit of the City's basic financial statements. Complete financial statements (June 30 year end) for the individual component unit can be obtained directly from the Foundation.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Washington County Assessor's Conference Board, Washington County Emergency Management Commission, Washington County Joint E911 Service Board, Washington County Public Safety Committee and Southeast Iowa Multi-County Solid Waste Agency.

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Presentation

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u> - The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's nonfiduciary net assets. Net assets are reported in two categories:

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax receipts and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue Funds:

The Road Use Tax Fund is used to account for road construction and maintenance.

The Urban Renewal Tax Increment Fund is used to account for urban renewal projects financed by tax increment financing.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the City's general long-term debt.

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Water Revolving Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

The Sewer Revolving Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's waste water treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Sanitation Fund accounts for the operation of the City's solid wastes, recycling and yard waste collection systems.

The City also reports the following additional proprietary funds:

The Internal Service Funds are utilized to account for the financing of goods or services purchased by one department of the City and provided to other departments or agencies on a cost reimbursement basis.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City of Washington maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities functions.

Note 2. Cash and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

Note 2. Cash and Pooled Investments (continued)

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2008, the City had the following investments:

Туре		Carrying Amount	Fair Value			
U.S. Government Securities Stocks Mutual Funds	\$	34,995 6,009 74,147	\$	35,000 14,150 109,123		
Total	\$_	115,151	\$_	158,273		

In addition, the City had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$6,369,430 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and are not subject to risk categorization.

<u>Interest rate risk</u> - The City's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the City.

Credit risk - The City's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

Note 3. Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 6.05% of covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the City contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$139,717, \$136,345, and \$132,719, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 4. Bonds and Notes Payable

Bond Indebtedness

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds, urban renewal tax increment financing revenue bonds and revenue notes are as follows:

	Urban Renewal											
		Tax Increment										
Financing (TIF)												
Year Ending	G	eneral Obl	iga	tion Bonds		Revenue Bonds				Total		
June 30,	1	Principal		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Principal</u>		Interest	1	Principal		Interest
2009	\$	730,000	\$	21,888	\$	84,000	\$	20,260	\$	814,000	\$	42,148
2010		365,000		10,038		60,000		17,478		425,000		27,516
2011		380,000		11,400		68,000		14,671		448,000		26,071
2012		390,000		12,285		70,000		11,519		460,000		23,804
2013		405,000		13,365		73,000		9,871		478,000		23,236
2014-2018		2,310,000	_	86,632		90,000	_	4,838		2,400,000	_	91,470
	\$_4	4,580,000	\$_	155,608	\$	445,000	\$_	78,637	\$	5,025,000	\$_	234,245

The Code of Iowa requires principal and interest on general obligation bonds be paid from the Debt Service Fund.

The urban renewal tax increment financing revenue bonds were issued for the purpose of defraying a portion of the costs of carrying out an urban renewal project of the City. The bonds are payable solely from the income and proceeds of the Special Revenue, Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing and the taxes to be paid into the fund in accordance with Chapter 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. The proceeds of the Tax Increment Financing shall be expended only for purposes which are consistent with the plans of the City's urban renewal area. The bonds are not a general obligation of the City. However, the debt is subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the City.

Note 5. Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until used or paid. The City's approximate liability for earned vacation payments payable to employees at June 30, 2008, primarily relating to the General Fund is \$114,787 based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2008.

Note 6. Risk Management

The City of Washington is a member in the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 573 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool, fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administration expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 200 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if sufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The City of Washington's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The City of Washington's annual contribution to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2008 was approximately \$105,687.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability for risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each accident, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual-member basis. All property risks are also reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total member's equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. As of June 30, 2008, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the Pool's inception.

Note 6. **Risk Management** (continued)

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. After the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of its capital contributions, however, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The City of Washington also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workmen's compensation and various types of liability insurance. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 7. **Related Party Transactions**

The City had business transactions between the City and City officials totaling \$3,886 during the vear ended June 30, 2008.

Note 8. **Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of business, the City has various outstanding commitments that are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The principal commitments of the City are as follows:

Downtown enhancement project	\$	1,740,851
New Library Site demolition		462,000
New Library Building project		2,479,656
Concrete paving project		806,526
Seal coat project		102,900
Water main replacement project		824,424
New Sewer plant - engineering & design	_	1,304,500
	\$	7 720 857

The City of Washington and the Federal Aviation Administration are participating in the City's airport expansion project which includes a proceeding to condemn a portion of an individual's property. The land acquisition is currently in litigation for the purchase price. The final amount to be paid to the individual cannot be stated with any certainty. The individual is also trying to obtain reimbursement for attorney fees regarding the land acquisition and the range of potential loss is considered to be \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Note 9. Industrial Development Revenue Bond

The City has issued a \$2,400,000 elderly housing revenue bond under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Code of Iowa. The bonds and related interest are payable solely from the tenants of the properties constructed, and the bond principal and interest do not constitute liabilities of the City.

Note 10. Deficit Fund Balance

The Internal Service Fund Gas Revolving had a deficit balance of \$120,062 at June 30, 2008.

Note 11. Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

Transfer to:	
General fund	\$ <u>665,688</u>
	\$ <u>665,688</u>
Transfer from:	
Water revenue	\$ 190,000
Sewer revenue	265,963
Liability insurance	59,794
Employee benefits	59,354
Tax increment financing	90,577
	\$ <u>665,688</u>

Note 12. Operating Leases - Lessor

The City leases farm land around the airport to four individuals. The lease terms are on a year-to-year basis. Rental income for the year ended June 30, 2008 totaled \$26,628.

The City leases hangar space to individuals on a month-to-month basis. Rental income for the year ended June 30, 2008 totaled \$15,820.

Note 13. Prospective Accounting Change

The GASB has issued several statements not yet implemented by the City of Washington. The statements, which might impact the City of Washington, are as follows:

Statement No. 43, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, issued April 2004, will be effective for the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. This Statement establishes uniform financial reporting standards for other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans and supersedes the interim guidance included in Statement No. 26. This Statement affects reporting by administrators or trustees of OPEB plan assets or by employers or sponsors that include OPEB plan assets as trust or agency funds in their financial reports.

Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, issued June 2004, will be effective for the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. This Statement establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of OPEB expense/expenditures and related liabilities or assets, note disclosures, and, if applicable, required supplementary information (RSI) in the financial reports of state and local governmental employers.

Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, issued November 2006, will be effective for the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. This Statement establishes standards for accounting and financial reporting for obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution.



City of Washington Budgetary Comparison Schedule

of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Balances -

Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) - All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds

Required Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2008

Post de	Governmental Funds <u>Actual</u>	Proprietary Fund Type <u>Actual</u>	Less Funds not Required to be Budgeted	<u>Net</u>	Budgeted Original	l Amounts Final	Final to Net <u>Variance</u>
Receipts:	\$ 2,350,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,350,999	\$ 2,301,279	\$ 2,301,279	\$ 49,720
Property tax Tax increment financing collections	\$ 2,330,999 104,729	\$ -	5 -	\$ 2,330,999 104.729	\$ 2,301,279 95.067	\$ 2,301,279 95.067	\$ 49,720 9,662
Other city taxes	709,116	-	-	709,116	594.429	594,429	114,687
Use of money and property	134,280	_	_	134,280	144,000	144,000	(9,720)
Licenses and permits	109,264	_	_	109,264	74,150	74,150	35,114
Intergovernmental	1,220,791	-	-	1,220,791	594,766	594,766	626,025
Charges for service	518,170	2,279,830	12,984	2,785,016	2,540,912	2,540,912	244,104
Special assessments	12,559	-	-	12,559	-	-	12,559
Miscellaneous	704,243	51,537	35,746	720,034	316,687	316,687	403,347
Total receipts	5,864,151	2,331,367	48,730	8,146,788	6,661,290	6,661,290	1,485,498
Disbursements: Public safety	1,503,628	-	-	1,503,628	1,341,109	1,341,109	(162,519)
Public works	1,544,143	-	-	1,544,143	963,297	963,297	(580,846)
Culture and recreation	913,776	-	-	913,776	700,644	700,644	(213,132)
Community and economic development	98,868	-	-	98,868	33,920	33,920	(64,948)
General government	878,786	-	-	878,786	710,470	710,470	(168,316)
Debt service	909,786	-	-	909,786	888,133	888,133	(21,653)
Capital projects	644,339	-	-	644,339	70,000	70,000	(574,339)
Business type activities		2,116,282	92,349	2,023,933	1,953,717	1,953,717	<u>(70,216)</u>
Total disbursements	6,493,326	2,116,282	92,349	8,517,259	6,661,290	6,661,290	(1,855,969)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(629,175)	215,085	(43,619)	(370,471)	-	-	
Other financing sources (uses)	4,741,783	<u>(455,963</u>)		4,285,820			
Net change in cash balances	4,112,608	(240,878)	(43,619)	3,915,349	-	-	
Cash balances beginning of year	2,162,523	1,031,183	(75,862)	3,269,568	3,039,293	3,039,293	
Cash balances end of year	\$ <u>6,275,131</u>	\$ 790,305	\$ <u>(119,481</u>)	\$ <u>7,184,917</u>	\$ 3,039,293	\$ 3,039,293	

City of Washington Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with GASB Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds except Internal Service Funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund or fund type. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects, and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds and Proprietary Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities functions.

City of Washington Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Special Revenue													
		Housing habilitation		Employee Benefits		Liability <u>Insurance</u>		Special Assessment Bonds/Notes		<u>Trusts</u>		Capital Reserves		<u>Total</u>
Receipts: Property tax Use of money and property Intergovernmental Special assessments Miscellaneous Total receipts	\$	31,746	\$	67,071 - - - - - - 67,071	\$	76,988 - - - - - - 76,988	\$	12,559 - 12,559	\$	- 6,386 - - - 78,461 84,847	\$	- - - - - 106,185 106,185	\$	144,059 6,386 31,746 12,559 184,646 379,396
Disbursements: Culture & recreation Total disbursements	_	-	=	-	-	-	-		_	20,653 20,653	-	111,321 111,321	_	131,974 131,974
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers (out)	_	31,746		(59,354)	_	76,988 (59,794)	-	12,559		64,194	_	(5,136)		247,422 (119,148)
Net change in cash balances		31,746		7,717		17,194		12,559		64,194		(5,136)		128,274
Cash balances, beginning of year		16,542	_	26,453	_	72,375	_	15,423	_	434,902	_	379,493	_	945,188
Cash balances, end of year	\$	48,288	\$	34,170	\$_	89,569	\$_	27,982	\$	499,096	\$_	374,357	\$	1,073,462
Cash Basis Fund Balances Unreserved: Special revenue funds Capital projects funds	\$	48,288	\$	34,170	\$	89,569 -	\$	27,982	\$	499,096	\$_	- 374,357	\$	699,105 374,357
Total cash basis fund balances	\$	48,288	\$	34,170	\$_	89,569	\$_	27,982	\$	499,096	\$_	374,357	\$_	1,073,462

City of Washington Statement of Indebtedness Year Ended June 30, 2008

Obligation	Date of <u>Issuance</u>	Interest <u>Rates</u>	Amount Originally <u>Issued</u>	Balance Beginning of Year	Issued During <u>Year</u>	Redeemed During <u>Year</u>	Balance End of <u>Year</u>	Interest Paid	Interest Due and <u>Unpaid</u>
General obligation bonds:									
Essential corporate purpose	06/01/99	3.80-4.25%	\$1,900,000	\$ 440,000	\$ -	\$ 215,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 18,593	\$ -
Essential corporate purpose	06/01/02	2.60-3.80%	2,535,000	630,000	-	630,000	-	23,940	-
Capital loan note	06/18/08	2.50-4.00%	4,355,000		4,355,000		4,355,000		
Total				\$ <u>1,070,000</u>	\$ <u>4,355,000</u>	\$ 845,000	\$ <u>4,580,000</u>	\$ 42,533	\$
Revenue Notes:									
Urban Renewal Series 2004	01/12/04	3.70%	\$ 190,000	\$ 165,000	-	-	\$ 165,000	\$ 6,152	-
Urban Renewal Series 2006	09/15/06	5.375%	280,000	280,000			280,000	15,301	
Total				\$ <u>445,000</u>	\$	\$	\$ <u>445,000</u>	\$ 21,453	\$

City of Washington Bond and Note Maturities June 30, 2008

Year Ending <u>June 30</u> ,	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Essential Corporate Purpose June 1, 1999 <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Capital Loan Note June 18, 2008 <u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	4.25%	\$ 225,000	2.50%	\$ 505,000	\$ 730,000
2010		-	2.75%	365,000	365,000
2011		-	3.00%	380,000	380,000
2012		-	3.15%	390,000	390,000
2013		-	3.30%	405,000	405,000
2014		-	3.45%	425,000	425,000
2015		-	3.60%	440,000	440,000
2016		-	3.75%	460,000	460,000
2017		-	3.90%	480,000	480,000
2018			4.00%	505,000	505,000
		\$ 225,000		\$ <u>4,355,000</u>	\$ <u>4,580,000</u>

Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest <u>Rate</u>	~	Series 2004 uary 12, 2004 <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Septe	eries 2006 ember 15, 2006 <u>Amount</u>		<u>Total</u>
2009	3.70%	\$	50,000	5.375%	\$	34,000	\$	84,000
2010	3.70%		25,000	5.375%		35,000		60,000
2011	3.70%		30,000	5.375%		38,000		68,000
2012	3.70%		30,000	5.375%		40,000		70,000
2013	3.70%		30,000	5.375%		43,000		73,000
2014			-	5.375%		45,000		45,000
2015		_	<u> </u>	5.375%	_	45,000	_	45,000
		\$	165,000		\$	280,000	\$	445,000

City of Washington Schedule of Receipts By Source and Disbursements By Function -All Governmental Funds

	Year Ending June 30,						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	
Receipts:	· <u></u>		<u></u> -				
Property tax	\$ 2,350,999	\$ 2,365,634	\$ 2,345,992	\$ 2,367,998	\$ 2,338,456	\$ 2,305,132	
Tax increment financing	104,729	113,794	101,008	94,486	74,052	52,171	
Other city taxes	709,116	671,072	455,213	545,406	388,387	223,692	
Use of money and property	134,280	195,990	69,611	53,880	45,700	37,740	
Licenses and permits	109,264	119,148	154,770	99,077	62,260	82,189	
Intergovernmental	1,220,791	1,165,904	855,371	835,138	867,115	1,369,261	
Charges for services	518,170	399,797	218,106	207,144	210,226	114,092	
Special assessments	12,559	14,963	32,849	17,801	24,600	16,803	
Miscellaneous	704,243	705,606	113,484	205,480	118,839	792,021	
Total	\$ <u>5,864,151</u>	\$ <u>5,751,908</u>	\$ <u>4,346,404</u>	\$ <u>4,426,410</u>	\$ <u>4,129,635</u>	\$ <u>4,993,101</u>	
Disbursements:							
Operating:							
Public safety	\$ 1,503,628	\$ 1,355,269	\$ 1,561,645	\$ 1,425,479	\$ 1,128,631	\$ 1,851,231	
Public works	1,544,143	1,405,445	691,540	559,650	377,117	725,351	
Culture and recreation	913,776	819,720	687,928	620,817	670,587	1,030,803	
Community and economic development	98,868	342,321	125,114	-	32,679	67,527	
General government	878,786	919,301	846,315	736,814	569,067	536,329	
Debt service	909,786	941,246	918,085	923,092	921,882	1,026,731	
Capital projects	644,339	248,737	291,636	234,494	1,628,901	257,913	
Total	\$ <u>6,493,326</u>	\$ <u>6,032,039</u>	\$ <u>5,122,263</u>	\$ <u>4,500,346</u>	\$ <u>5,328,864</u>	\$ <u>5,495,885</u>	



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Washington (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2009. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies, including deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of the City's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control.

However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe all of them to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

The City's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. While we have expressed our conclusions on the City's responses, we did not audit the City's responses and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City and other parties to whom the City may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

CPA Associates PC

January 6, 2009

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

I-A-08 Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of the internal control structure is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling a transaction from its inception to its completion. Management has not separated incompatible activities of personnel, thereby creating risks to the safeguarding of cash and accuracy of the financial statements

<u>Recommendation</u> - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will consider this.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response acknowledged. The City could segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and utilize administrative personnel to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

I-B-08 Reconciliation of Utility Billings, Collections and Delinquencies - Utility billings, collections and delinquent accounts were not reconciled throughout the year.

<u>Recommendation</u> - Procedures should be established to reconcile utility billings, collections and delinquencies for each billing period and to reconcile collections to deposits. The Council or a Council-designated independent person should review the reconciliation and monitor delinquencies.

<u>Response</u> - The City will establish and implement procedures to reconcile utility billings, collections and delinquencies for each billing period and resolve any variances in a timely manner.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

I-C-08 <u>Reconciliation of Cemetery Billings, Collections and Delinquencies</u> - Cemetery billings, collections and delinquent accounts were not reconciled throughout the year.

<u>Recommendation</u> - Procedures should be established to reconcile cemetery billings, collections and delinquencies for each billing period and to reconcile collections to deposits. The Council or a Council-designated independent person should review the reconciliation and monitor delinquencies.

<u>Response</u> - The City will establish and implement procedures to reconcile cemetery billings, collections and delinquencies for each billing period and resolve any variances in a timely manner.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

I-D-08 Accounting Records - The City Council and management share the ultimate responsibility for the City's financial statements. The City has not implemented procedures, to the degree necessary, to perform a review and assume responsibility to the City's financial statements and related disclosures to provide a high level of assurance that potential omissions or other errors that are less than material, but more than inconsequential, would be identified and corrected. A monthly bank to book reconciliation was not prepared to support month end cash balances. Certain cash receipts and disbursements were not recorded in the City's books. Such a system does not permit the preparation of accurate and reliable reports. As a result we noted the following:

Revenues not recorded:

Bond proceeds	\$4,285,820
IPAIT interest	13,439
Washington County property taxes	55,416

Additionally, the City has not reconciled the accounts payable module of its software system since approximately December of 2000. As a result of this, expenses are not being reflected in the correct accounting period, and sometimes not reflected accurately in any accounting period.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The monthly financial reports should include a bank to book reconciliation to support the month end cash balances. All transactions should be recorded in the City's books.

<u>Response</u> - The City will adopt a policy to include a bank to book reconciliation of month end cash balances to assure that all transactions are recorded in the City's books.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

I-E-08 <u>Credit Cards</u> - The City has credit cards for use by various employees while on City business. The City has not adopted a formal policy to regulate the use of credit cards and to establish procedures for the proper accounting of credit card charges.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should adopt a formal written policy regulating the use of City credit cards. The policy, at a minimum, should address who controls credit cards, who is authorized to use credit cards and for what purposes, as well as the types of supporting documentation required to substantiate charges.

Response - The City will review procedures and guidelines and establish a written policy.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

I-F-08 Preparation of Financial Statements - The City does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting, nor has management identified risks related to the preparation of reliable financial statements and as a result has failed to design effective controls over the preparation of the financial statements to prevent or detect material misstatements. Therefore, as auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements. This circumstance is not unusual for a governmental entity similar in population to the City. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

<u>Recommendation</u> - We recognize that with a limited number of office employees, preparation of the financial statements is difficult. However, we recommend that City officials continue reviewing operating procedures in order to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

<u>Response</u> - The City will continue to review and monitor procedures currently in place and evaluate the risks to be accepted in preparation of the financial statements.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting

II-A-08 <u>Certified Budget</u> - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2008 exceeded the amounts budgeted in public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, capital projects and business type activities. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states in part that public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The budget should have been amended in sufficient amounts in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response - The budget will be amended in the future, if applicable.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- II-B-08 <u>Questionable Disbursements</u> We noted no disbursements that did not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- II-C-08 <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.
- II-D-08 <u>Business Transactions</u> Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees are detailed as follows:

Name, Title, and Business Connection	<u>Transactions</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mike Roth, Council Member Employee, Sitler's Supplies, Inc	Supplies	\$ 772
Russ Zieglowsky, Council Member Employee, Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$ 1,728
Mike Roe, Airport Council Member Owner, Roe Heating and Hardware	Repairs	\$ 1,387

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(11) of the Code of Iowa, the above transactions do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since the total transactions with each individual were less than \$2,500 during the fiscal year.

II-E-08 <u>Bond Coverage</u> - Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.

II-F-08 <u>Council Minutes</u> - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Council minutes but were not.

Although minutes of Council proceedings were published, they were not always published within fifteen days of the meeting as required by Chapter 372.16(6) of the Code of Iowa.

Recommendation - The City should publish minutes as required.

<u>Response</u> - Timing of publication of Council minutes has improved, and will consistently meet the 15 day publication requirement in the future.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- II-G-08 Bonds and Revenue Notes The City has complied with the revenue bond and note resolutions.
- II-H-08 Deposits and Investments During the audit it was discovered the City does not have a written investment policy that complies with the provision of Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. Also discovered during the audit, stock certificates held by the City were not in the US Bank lockbox during our inspection and have not been accounted for as of our audit date. The estimated market value of these certificates is approximately \$14,150.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should adopt a written investment policy that complies with the provision of Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. The City should find the location of the stock certificates and properly record the amounts held and their location.

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

II-I-08 <u>Financial Condition</u> - At June 30, 2008, Internal Service Gas Revolving fund had a deficit balance of \$120,062.

<u>Recommendation</u> -The City should monitor the progress of the collections and expenses in this fund and review the control procedures throughout the period so the collections cover the expenses in this fund

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

II-J-08 <u>Local Option Sales Tax</u> - Local option sales tax collections were posted directly to the General Fund rather than in a Special Revenue Fund.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should establish a Special Revenue Fund for local option sales tax receipts, disbursements and balances and to demonstrate compliance with the City's referendum for the use of the tax.

Response - We will do this.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

II-K-08 Separately Maintained Records - The City of Washington Volunteer Fire Department and Municipal Band maintain separate checking accounts for donations, grants and fund raising activities. These accounts are separate from the City's accounts allowing transactions to go unrecorded. Accordingly, certain donations and expenditures from these accounts are not being appropriately included on the City's financial statements. The expenditures may not meet the requirements of public purpose and may not be appropriately included within the budget as required by the Code of Iowa.

<u>Recommendation</u> - Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, "A City shall keep accounts which show an accurate and detailed statement of all public funds collected, received or expended for any city purpose." For better accountability, financial and budgetary control, the financial activity and balances of all City accounts should be included in the City's accounting records and reported to the Council on a monthly basis.

<u>Response</u> - The City, the Volunteer Fire Department and Municipal Band should ensure that procedures are in place to document all receipts and expenditures in accordance with the Code of Iowa.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

II-L-08 <u>Dual Signatures on Checks</u> - The City does not require dual signatures on each check issued. Consequently, some checks have two signatures, others have only one signature.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should establish a policy regarding dual signatures on all checks issued. Preferably, the second signature should be an independent person who should also review supporting documentation for each check to ensure each disbursement is proper.

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response accepted.